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A new species of genus Rapala (Lepidoptera, Lycaenidae) from Sumba, Indonesia

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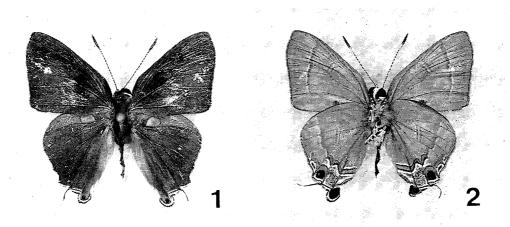
Abstract Rapala arbaimuni sp. n. from Sumba Island is described.

Key words Lepidoptera, Lycaenidae, Rapala arbaimuni sp. n., Sumba, Indonesia, taxonomy.

Rapala arbaimuni sp. n. (Figs. 1-2, ♂ genitalia fig. 3).

Mead: comparatively large in size; the portion between the eyes whitish as in Rapala manea (Hewitson, [1863]). Antenna: white area in the lower part of club small as in manea. Legs: stout, tibiae and tarsi clearly banded with black and white as in Rapala diopites (Hewitson, 1869). Upperside: similar to diopites; ground colour dark greyish brown, with a purple sheen in side light exactly as in diopites. Forewing, the basal third rather darker than the rest. Hindwing with brands consisting of very small scales as in diopites, a large one above the origin of vein 7 and a very small one along the base of vein 6. Underside: intermediate between diopites and manea; ground colour dark greyish yellow, rather darker than in manea. Forewing, cell-end bars and postdiscal band as in diopites; a dark brown hair tuft on dorsum. Hindwing, postdiscal band similar to that of diopites, the lower part prominently orange coloured; the submarginal portion in space 1b covered with silvery scales as in manea; a submarginal black spot in space 2 large as in manea. A genitalia: two large claw-like processes present at end of phallus.

Holotype. ♂ (forewing length, 16 mm), Tangga Mandita, Sumba, 1989. v. 20 (Arbaimun), in my collection.



Figs. 1-2. Rapala arbaimuni sp. n., holotype ♂. 1. Upperside; 2. Underside.

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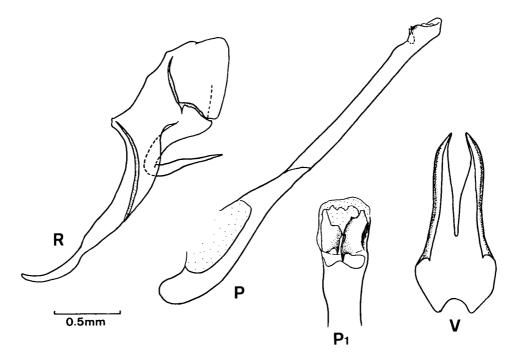


Fig. 3. *Rapala arbaimuni* sp. n., holotype σ genitalia. R: ring, lateral view. P: phallus, lateral view. P₁: phallus end, dorsal view. V: valvae, dorsal view.

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摘 要

インドネシア・スンバ島産 Rapala 属(シジミチョウ科)の1新種(高波雄介)

小スンダ列島のスンバ島で得られた1 2 に基づき、シジミチョウの新種 Papala arbaimuni を記載した。調査の範囲では既知の種類に該当するものはない。これまで同地域から記録された Rapala 属に含められる種類は iarbus, varuna の2 種のみで、今後採集されるとしても damona と manea くらいと考えていたところに出てきたものである。

本種はフィリピンに産する Rapala diopites にもっとも近縁であると思われるが、一見 Rapala manea にも似ている. 即ち,複眼間の額は白っぽく,触角棍棒部下部の白色部は manea のようにあまり目だたない(diopites では白色部は広がり,特に裏面から目だつ). 翅表面,地色は暗灰褐色で,斜めから見ると diopites と同様の紫の反射光が前後翅に見られる. 後翅,性標は diopites と同じく,第7室の通常の半円形の大きな性斑に加え,第6脈の基部上にも特殊鱗が集まった小斑を現す. 裏面,地色は暗灰黄色で manea よりやや暗い(diopites はもっと茶色味が強い). 前翅中室端条と外中央帯は diopites 同様で,後縁の毛束は暗褐色.後翅,外中央帯は diopites に似て下半部は橙色に染まるが,肛角部の色斑はむしろ manea に似る. る交尾器は一般的な Deudorix 型. 最も特徴の現れる phallus 尾端部は diopites 系の大きな爪を持つ型で,左右不対称の幅広の鉤爪状突起を一対備える(diopites では左向きのものが一つのみ, manea は鋸歯状の全くの別型). (Accepted April 14, 1992)

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